

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Independent claims 1, 8 and 16 are amended as set forth above. Claims 2-7, 9-15 and 17-20 are cancelled. With regard to the cancelled claims, applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of those claims in any upcoming continuation application(s). Claims 21-37 are new. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above claims.

I. Examiner Interview Dated August 27, 2008

An interview was held on August 27, 2008. An agreement as to allowability was not reached. Applicants have incorporated several suggestions from the interview. Applicants believe that features of the amended claims and new claims indicate allowable subject matter.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-12, 14-16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2005/0159189 published to Iyer (hereinafter "Iyer") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0050058 published to Walsh et al. (hereinafter "Walsh"). Per the recent interview, applicants have incorporated several of the discussed features into the claims. Applicants believe that several features of the claims indicate allowable subject matter. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

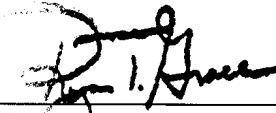
III. Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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